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Sexual harassment
policy ineffective?

by Karen Valihora

Despite evidence that at least one in five students have experienced some form of sexual harassment, McGill's sexual harassment assessors have reported only one formal and nine informal complaints since the seven month old harassment policy came into effect.

The McGill Women's Network Group, which includes student, staff and faculty members, held a symposium on sexual harassment last week, to discuss the recent Concordia conference on sexual harassment and to discuss the first report of the sexual harassment assessors.

Elizabeth Morey, assistant rector at Concordia and organizer of the Concordia conference, said "Studies show that at least 20% of undergraduates and 30% of graduate students have experienced some form of sexual harassment."

"These figures do not re-

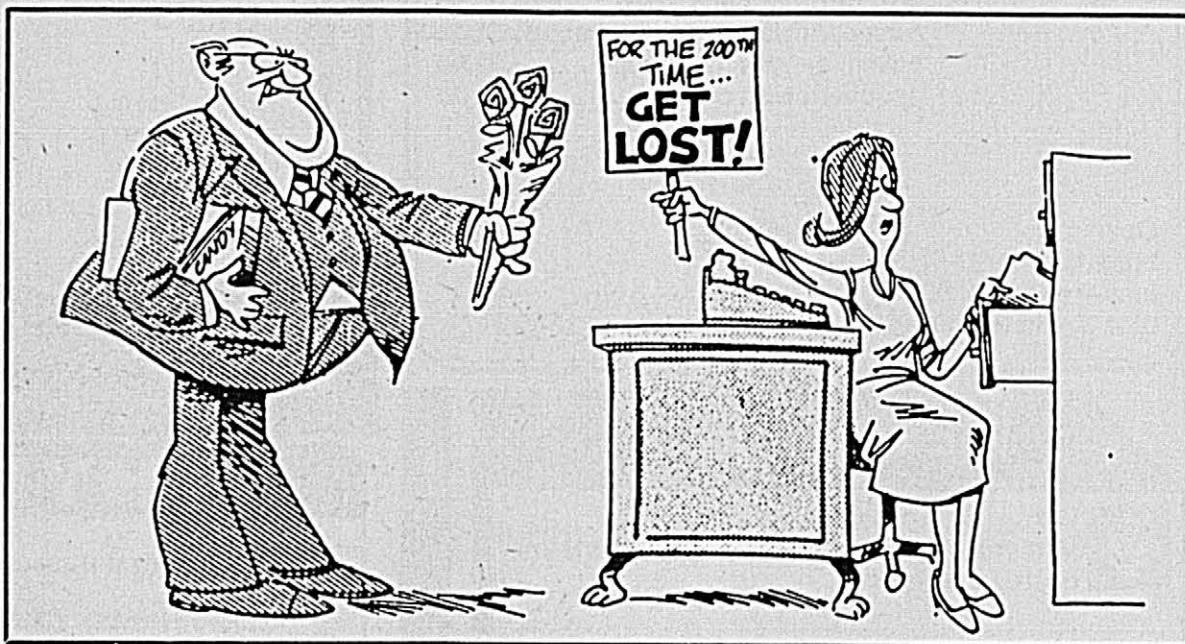
veal the full extent of the problem. People are always hesitant to talk about things like this...many people do not even know what sexual harassment is. That's how all-pervasive a problem we have," she said.

Barbara Hearst, McGill representative at Concordia's conference, said part of the problem is promoting awareness. "There's always the problem of money. Concordia has shown us you need money to do a really good education program."

One assessor, Professor Patricia Wells, said "It's only the first full year of operation for McGill. We printed [sexual harassment] brochures in August, so most of the student body doesn't have them," she said.

"We really need another couple of years of operation to make this program effective. But we are trying," Wells added.

The assessors' annual report describes the year's operations



as "relatively quiet." Of the nine informal inquiries conducted, four were resolved informally and four still have an "unknown outcome."

"We don't really know why" said Wells. "Although it's true there just isn't enough publicity. People are still hesitant to come forward and just talk. They don't necessarily have to take action."

According to Wells, regis-

tering a formal complaint should be considered carefully. "You must realize you're going to be putting a black mark on that person's file. The action you decide to take is going to have great implications for that person's career."

Members of the audience were critical of the policy.

"I think that term 'assessor' is doing some damage," said one member.

"One victim of sexual harassment I talked to decided not to bring her complaint to one of the 'official assessors' because she felt she would be put on trial or something," she said. "The concept of being 'assessed' holds rather negative implications."

Morey agreed. "Often the victims of harassment have the same response as rape victims. They feel guilty and ashamed and generally want to avoid a most distressing situation. Counselling and support is necessary, even if they don't wish to lodge a complaint. The system must be really reassuring."

The policy, is aimed more at putting an end to incidents of sexual harassment than punishing offenders, said Wells. "Our job is to be assessors only. We were very specifically told this," Wells said.

"Often, all I have to do is accompany a student to the offenders' office or whatever, and they get the message," she said.

In cases where a formal complaint has been made, the assessor handling the case will make recommendations to the Principal. "He may reject or modify them, but in the case of the formal complaint we handled this year, he accepted them in full," said Wells.

Pat Wells was emphatic in response. "People must feel really confident to come forward and see any one of us" she said. "We will personally look into the problem, and assist in any way we can."

Staff faculty and student associations will review the policy at a meeting in late January and discuss changes that may be needed.

Montréal to get AIDS hospice

by Caroline King

For most AIDS victims who can no longer look after themselves, dying in hospital is a lonely fact. Now, despite some community protest, some of them may have a choice.

"We want to give people a place where they can die with dignity," said Dennis Hadley, the director of Nazareth House, a small but feisty faith organization that is converting a rooming house on Fort Street into a home for AIDS patients.

The home, which will care for up to nine people, is intended primarily for patients who have been abandoned by family and friends, but in

general for those "who have no money, nowhere else to go and who don't want to die in hospital," Hadley said.

Dr. J. Falutz, from the Department of Immunology at Montréal General supports the idea wholeheartedly, but is cautious about what he calls "the reality of the situation. Patients in the true terminal phase may be too heavy for [people working at the hospice]," he said.

Eligible patients will be recommended through the hospitals, but different groups involved will each play a role in assessing the patients' admissibility.

Hadley hopes the home, the first

of its kind in Montréal, will be in operation by the end of January, "but when you don't have a lot of money and you have to rely on volunteers, scheduling is difficult."

The hospice is an entirely private venture. Nazareth House is an independent organization which relies totally on support from religious, business and private sources. The city backs the hospice in theory and has offered nurses from the municipal home care units, but it has not made any direct financial contributions.

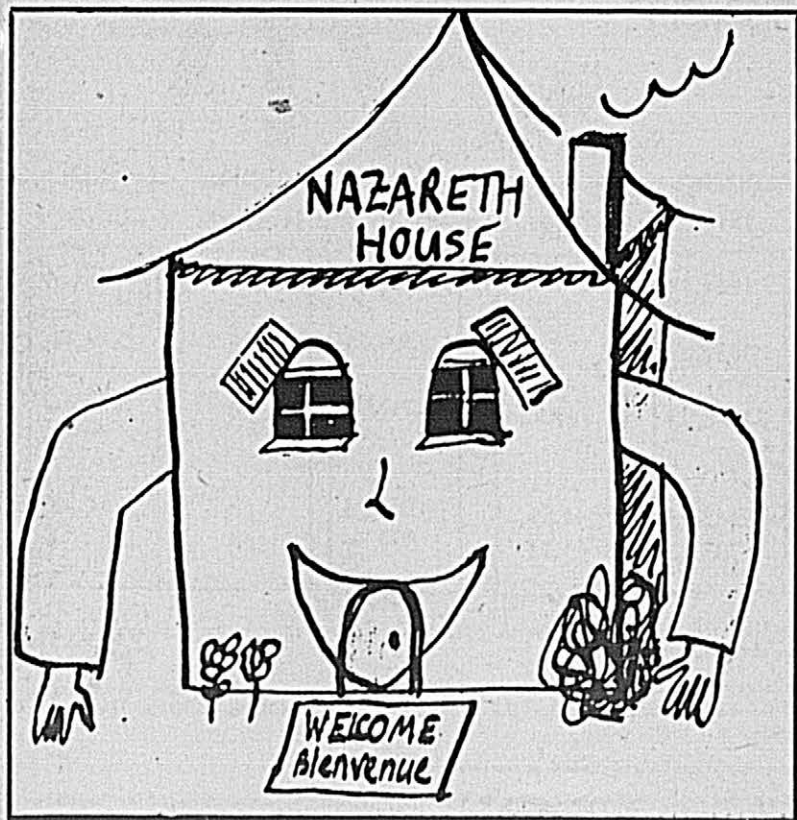
This may be due to the sensitivity of the issue. The project has been tainted by the fears and prejudices of some people in the Shaughnessy village area. "We've gone out of our way to incorporate infection control systems, like a bleach solution in the toilet system, which are not necessary," said Hadley.

A *Gazette* editorial which appeared on November 2, 1987, accuses Nazareth House of secrecy in its plans.

"They should read their own newspaper," Hadley said, pointing to copies of two articles, that the *Gazette* published on the hospice in May and July.

Hadley says the Shaughnessy Village Association was also aware of the project from the beginning. "We'd been working with that association to avoid that kind of situation, but they didn't want to play by the rules."

Despite the obstacles Hadley is determined to get this project off the ground. "We hope to give those who have no home, or maybe have never had one, a place of their own, a sense of community and love."



Bou Bou in BC

VANCOUVER (CUP)—The spectre of Québec's Bou Bou Macoutes has been raised once more, but this time in BC.

The provincial government is trying to clamp down on welfare cheating by ordering case workers to investigate recipients, but social service groups say the move is unworkable and unfair.

According to Stephen Learey, of the Downtown East Side Resident's Association (DERA), the number of cheaters in the welfare system is very small.

"It's no holiday to live on welfare. Some people live in ratholes, go days without food, and can't even afford to take the bus to look for a job."

Jean Swansen, coordinator of End Legislative Poverty agrees that investigation into cheating is a waste of time.

"Social workers will become tied up with hounding people (in their investigations). They'll become cops instead of providing

useful services."

But a spokesperson for the Ministry of Social Services said fraud investigations are not the ministry's main concern.

"It is estimated that there is five per cent fraud at present, but that's just an educated guess. We have inspectors working to make sure applicants are legitimate," said Art

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Socreds publish on campus

by Rick Hiebert

VANCOUVER (CUP)—The Social Credit Party is helping to finance the "independent" right wing student paper at Simon Fraser University, and a former party executive says *Liberté* may only be the beginning.

During last month's Social Credit convention, the party's Women's Auxillary helped *Liberté* raise nearly \$600 in donations and subscriptions, \$250 of which came from a special raffle held on Oct. 22nd.

"We wanted to contribute in some way and this seemed the best," said Eva Matheson, president of the Socred Women's Auxillary.

Former vice president Shirley Muir said, "I can no longer speak for the Women's Auxillary but certainly helping *Liberté* was our big project for this year."

"This is just a beginning. We Socreds want to get an alternative newspaper at every BC university campus, at every college. We want to get a balance. All we want is parity."

"It's up to right wing students at

each school to put an alternative newspaper together and now that *Liberté* has started, other students can look to them for guidance and assistance."

Matheson said she could not confirm or deny Muir's statement without first consulting the auxillary's membership.

Provincial NDP leader Mike Harcourt, hearing the news for the first time, said, "*Liberté* can even do this on their own? Great free enterprisers eh?"

Harcourt said, "The Socreds must have warped priorities when (their government) can't find the funds for 8000 students to go to school, but they can for a student propaganda sheet for the Social Credit."

"Why don't they come right out and call it The Young Socred Newspaper? If they are going to do this, they should at least be proud of it. I think the Socreds should leave SFU students and faculty alone and not support a propaganda rag. Things like that mitigate freedom of expression," he said.

Harcourt said he was familiar with *Liberté*, "having been chased to his car by two of their more virulent hawks," when he last

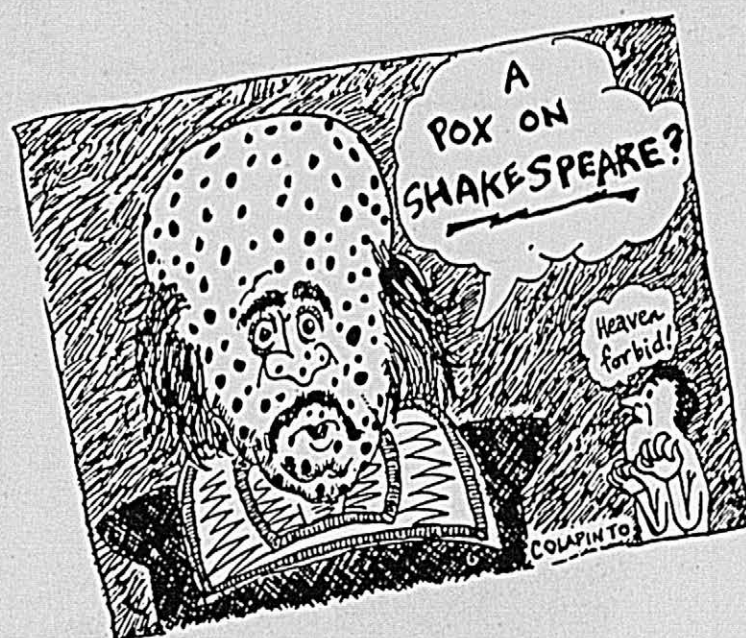
spoke at SFU. "They're a pretty rabid, small coterie that are running that rag," Harcourt said.

The paper's editor, Gord Denisuk said he had no set policy about accepting donations from any groups or individuals. "If the Canadian Communist Party would give us money, we'd take it. As long as people aren't forced to contribute, I see no problem."

"*Liberté* has been really sneaky about all this," said Simon Fraser Students' Society representative Rhonda Spence. "First they just appear on campus with no apparent backing. It's never been identified as a branch of the Young Socreds, but they are taking their time forming their own club."

Founded last February without legal status, the paper distributed its second issue under the auspices of the SFU Ayn Rand Club, getting the latter group's funding frozen after budgeting its cost at only \$4 per issue.

According to Spence, if ties between the SFU Young Socreds and *Liberté* are too close, the Socreds may have to pull one of the groups from campus.



Students want writer in residence

by Susie Petersiel

Frustrated by the low level of creative activity in McGill's English department, a group of students has gotten together to convince the department of the need to establish the position of writer-in-residence at the university.

"We were really upset at the low level of creative activity here at McGill, especially in the area of writing," said Fred Biggar, a member of the Writer-in-residence Committee (WIRC). "As the situation exists now, there is no one to go to with your work. A writer-in-residence would fulfill a great need."

Only two of three possible creative writing courses are offered per year. 80 per cent of the students who sign up for those courses are turned away, according to WIRC member Andrew Burgess.

The committee circulated a petition at last week's teach-in. "The overwhelming majority of people we spoke to supported our interest," said WIRC member Ernest Alston. "Of course, we believe our aims are reasonable and would be beneficial to the intellectual atmosphere at McGill."

"The amount of literary activity at a student level that is going on bespeaks the need for some focal point for the reading of manuscripts, the organization of readings, and other literary activities," said Michael Harris, a Montréal poet, and one of two professors now teaching creative writing workshops at McGill.

"As there is no formal creative writing department at a university of this size, it seems that the least the university could do is provide this position," Harris said. "A dozen other universities, small and large, have permanent writer-in-residence posts, among them Guelph, Trent, Waterloo, and the University of Toronto, as do various municipal libraries, Regina and

Timmins to name two."

"Because there are so many students interested in creative writing it's clear that some attention should be given to addressing that interest," he said.

Professor Leanne Lieblein, Chair of the English department agrees. "I think student support is always welcome, and does make a difference. It's one way of demonstrating the need for the kind of programme we're asking for."

Lieblein is referring to a passage in the department's 1986/87 annual report that states: "Another long-standing goal of the department has been to create a baseline for the purpose of bringing in annually two visiting artists to the university to teach and consult with students in their specific stream."

The report estimates the cost at \$50,000 per year for two people, who will alternate yearly to reflect two of the three streams (literature, theatre and film and communications). This request is part of the department's 1988 budget request.

The cost estimated in the report is on par with the student request. "The writer-in-residence's wages are half paid by the university," said Alston, "and the other half, \$12,000 comes from a Canada Council Grant. Suggestions of exactly where the money will come from are various, but include 'soft' funds, the McGill Advancement Programme, or perhaps even some sort of corporate chair."

"Actual formats could be discussed and negotiated with potential donors," said Lieblein. "The basic principle is there in writing, and I support it heartily."

"The last writer-in-residence at McGill was Ken Norris, 4 or 5 years ago, who reported enormous amounts of activity all year long," Harris said. "Young writers need feedback of all sorts at every stage of their development, which is what a professional writer can give."

Cheap housing to go

by Mike Gordon

VANCOUVER (CUP)—Students and low income earners will be among the hardest hit of 40,000 people facing possible widespread evictions in a city-wide crackdown on "illegal" suites.

"A lot of students wouldn't be able to afford an education if there were no illegal suites," said John Neuried, a Capilano College student, "because the government's idea of affordable rent is outrageous."

There are an estimated 26,000 illegal suites in Vancouver and, depending on the outcome of the zone by zone public reviews, many of them could be shut down.

Most of the city is designated as single family dwelling zones. If a building has more than one self-contained dwelling in it, this is defined as an illegal suite.

Alex Taylor and her family lived in an illegal suite for three years when she was in grade school. "We were poor, poor, poor," she said. "We were lucky, we moved out because we had money."

Taylor said students who are evicted will "have to find jobs, pay more money or take to the streets."

David Lane, co-ordinator for the Tenants' Rights Action Centre (TRAC) said the average monthly rent for a single room suite is \$475. "Who has got \$475 if you're a student?"

The welfare rent allowance for a single person in BC is \$209 per month.

The crackdown was prompted by public complaints about inadequate parking, 'monster' duplexes and triplexes, and improper health and safety standards.

A public committee in each area will recommend, based on anonymous door-to-door surveys whether the city should rezone the sector or close down its illegal suites.

But critics say the process ignores the drastic lack of low-income housing which, if improved, would make illegal suites unnecessary.

"We have this rather absurd situation of three quarters of the land zoned as single family housing," said city councillor Libby Davies. "Of course that puts incredible pressure on that land. If you don't allow for something legally, then it's done illegally."

"The housing is out there, we just want to make it legal," said Lane.

According to Lane, most complaints could be dealt with through separate bylaws. "They could deal with all of the problems without throwing people out on the street."

"Any crackdown on illegal suites benefits big apartment owners

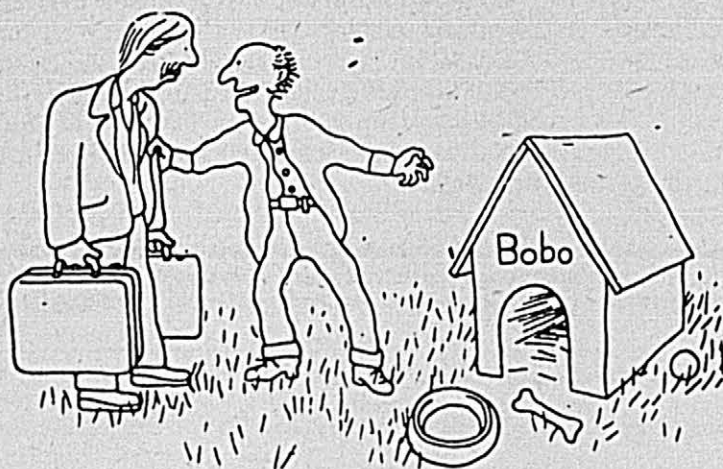
[and] reactionary racist homeowners who see some ethnic changes in the neighbourhood," said Lane.

Heading the city campaign is city councillor Carole Taylor, who would like to see secondary suites for families only.

But Davies said she and several other councillors believe the 'family' distinction is unworkable and possibly contravenes the Charter of Rights. "We just think it's immoral for city government to dictate what relationship can exist in a house."

If passed, Davies said planning department figures show that the 'family' clause would mean 80 to 90 per cent of illegal suites would be shut down, leaving the majority of tenants unable to face high rental costs.

City Council also abolished the closure appeal, denying tenants the right to appeal their eviction. In its stead, the city will continue to grant "hardship exemptions" which allow low-income people to stay an extra year.



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Who do the police protect?

The Black Students' Network of McGill joins the members of the Black community in expressing our shock over the fatal shooting of Anthony Griffin. His death serves as a reminder of a deep seated problem that has been routinely denied and minimized in the past. The Montreal police force has a reputation for brutality, harassment and racial discrimination towards members of the Black community. The validity of this reputation is irrelevant however, the fact of its existence is. The BSN questions if the police are really interested in providing service and protection for the Montréal population or does it exist to pursue its own means.

With this most recent incident, the BSN asks if an individual has any protection from the public body that has been created to protect the community. If anything, with the current system, the citizen is left with little recourse and definitely no protection against unjust police action.

The officer in question should be subject to the judicial process, as any other individual involved in a questionable shooting incident would be. To this end, we endorse the idea of a complaints review committee composed of citizens. We demand that this particular incident is investigated by an agency other than the MUC police. Further we ask that the MUC police is examined in terms of its internal communication structure and its arrest and reporting procedures.

The police force has been empowered by the society with the right to bear arms and to use them in the protection of its citizens. In the past there have been allegations concerning the abuse of these powers, particularly when a member of a minority group was concerned. Beatings, threat, harassment, and violations of basic human dignity have been experienced by members of minority groups, especially if the suspect was Black, male, and young. The death of Anthony Griffin is the manifestation of an abuse of public trust taken to a horrifying extreme.

It is no longer possible to excuse such abuses of power as the consequences of individuals being in unusual circumstances. The only acceptable course of action is to ascertain that the due legal process is embarked upon to ensure that all citizens benefit from the service and the protection of the police. Out of this tragic event we demand that the police and other public service sectors reflect the diverse ethnic and cultural components that make up the Montréal community. Finally, we ask that all Montréalers join us in supporting the Black community fighting for changes in the police that would benefit all of us.

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Palestinian solidarity committee on campus

November 29 is the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. On that day in 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted to partition Palestine into a Jewish and an Arab state. 56% of the land of Palestine was assigned to the Jewish state, even though Jews, mostly immigrants from Europe, comprised only 32% of the population of Palestine. There were almost as many Arabs as Jews in the proposed Jewish state, whereas Jews were a small minority in the proposed Arab state. According to the terms of the Partition Resolution, each state was to have a democratic constitution, drafted by a constituent assembly, with protection for minority rights, especially from land expropriation. Jerusalem was to be an international zone. Understandably, the Arabs rejected partition, while the Zionists were happy to accept it. Israel has invoked the Partition Resolution as a major source of international legitimacy. In the first Arab-Israeli war (1948-49), some 700 000 Palestinians fled or were expelled from their homes in the areas occupied by Israeli forces. Their land was seized by the Israeli state (contrary to international law), and 385 Palestinian villages were destroyed by the Israeli authorities between 1948 and 1967. That first war left Israel with over 70% of Palestine. In 1967, Israel captured the rest of Palestine, and some 200 000 Palestinians fled to Jordan. The remaining inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza Strip have ever since been subject to harsh military rule characterized by deportation, curfews, destruction of homes, land expropriation, and the unleashing of armed, violent, and racist Israeli settlers in heavily-populated Arab areas such as Hebron and Gaza. In 1980, the Israeli newspaper Haaretz estimated that 200 000 Palestinians had been imprisoned for "security offenses" since 1967, out of a population of 1.3 million in the occupied territories.

Israel is unique among states in that its creation was based on an act of the United Nations, and its admission to the United Nations was conditional. On May 11, 1949,

Israel was admitted to the United Nations as a member state on the condition that it implement the terms of the Partition Resolution, which meant defining its borders according to that resolution, and that it give the Palestinian refugees the choice between return or compensation. Today, over 38 years later, Israel still has no constitution (as envisaged in the Partition Plan), it has not defined its borders, and it has not allowed the Palestinian refugees to return, nor have the Palestinians been compensated for their losses. Israel invokes "state sovereignty" as the grounds for its stance. Despite these facts, Israel is still a member of the U.N.

For its part, the U.S.A. supported the 1947 Partition Plan, and never renounced that position. It now finds itself in the paradoxical position of obstructing the creation of a Palestinian state as envisaged in the Partition Resolution it supports.

The fact that the Palestinians suffered and continue to suffer from a terrible injustice has moved a group of McGill students to found the McGill Palestine Solidarity Committee (P.S.C.). We are interested in raising awareness of the justice of the Palestinian cause, and in stimulating constructive discussion on the possibility of a just and peaceful solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, which is at the root of Arab-Israeli conflict. We hope to air views which are not readily available in the McGill curriculum nor in the North American news media. This issue is all too often viewed in narrow and unidimensional terms.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join the P.S.C. at our first event: a film entitled "The Shadow of the West", narrated by Professor Edward Said of Columbia University. The film traces the history of Palestine, with a focus on the intense interest the country has long generated in the West. The film will be screened on Monday, November 30, at 7:00 P.M. in Leacock room 232. Admission free. (P.S.C. can be contacted at our mailbox in the Students' Society office in the Union Building).

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To the Daily:

It is good to see many of the McGill men's sport teams doing well this year. It is too bad, however, that we have to cheer for the 'Redmen'. The name is clearly racist. It suggests that Indians are violent savages.

The use of this name illustrates a too long lived stereotype for North American natives that is still, unfortunately, common today. Many students at McGill are involved in organisations that attempt to fight racism around the world, and the resulting inequalities that this hate creates. Others are interested in the problems that aboriginal peoples face. (As witnessed by the *Daily* special issue of Nov. 18). It is time McGill students focussed some attention on our own racist anachronism. Next time you hear the popular cheer, "Ooh! ah! Redmen on the war path," substitute 'Redteam' for 'redmen' and something creative for 'war path'. Then think of, and push for, a new name for the men's teams.

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Peltier's case must be framed in this context in order to truly understand the information specific to the case. Removing the genocidal angle from the article is the same as the FBI with holding information pertaining to the falsification of evidence, and therefore Peltier's innocence.

Genocide is the domination of one race to annihilate another; our racist attitudes are instrumental in the attack. That a group of white, educated (well-indoctrinated), journalists would find the genocidal angle "biased" is not surprising at all, is it? I see that the media as being the main disseminator of these racist attitudes; it is not always the withholding of information, but the manipulation of it that is the danger. It is in the name of "objectivity"

policy of the government. If a person objects to a certain government policy that person can organize protests and demand changes from elected representatives. However as an individual or a group of individuals *no one has the right to sabotage the policies of a democratically elected government.* By personally sabotaging government policies, Vanunu has taken the law into his own hands and this is undemocratic. Despite assertions to the contrary Israel is a very vulnerable state and the threat to existence is a very real fear for the government and people of Israel. In disclosing vital military secrets Vanunu has done more than civil

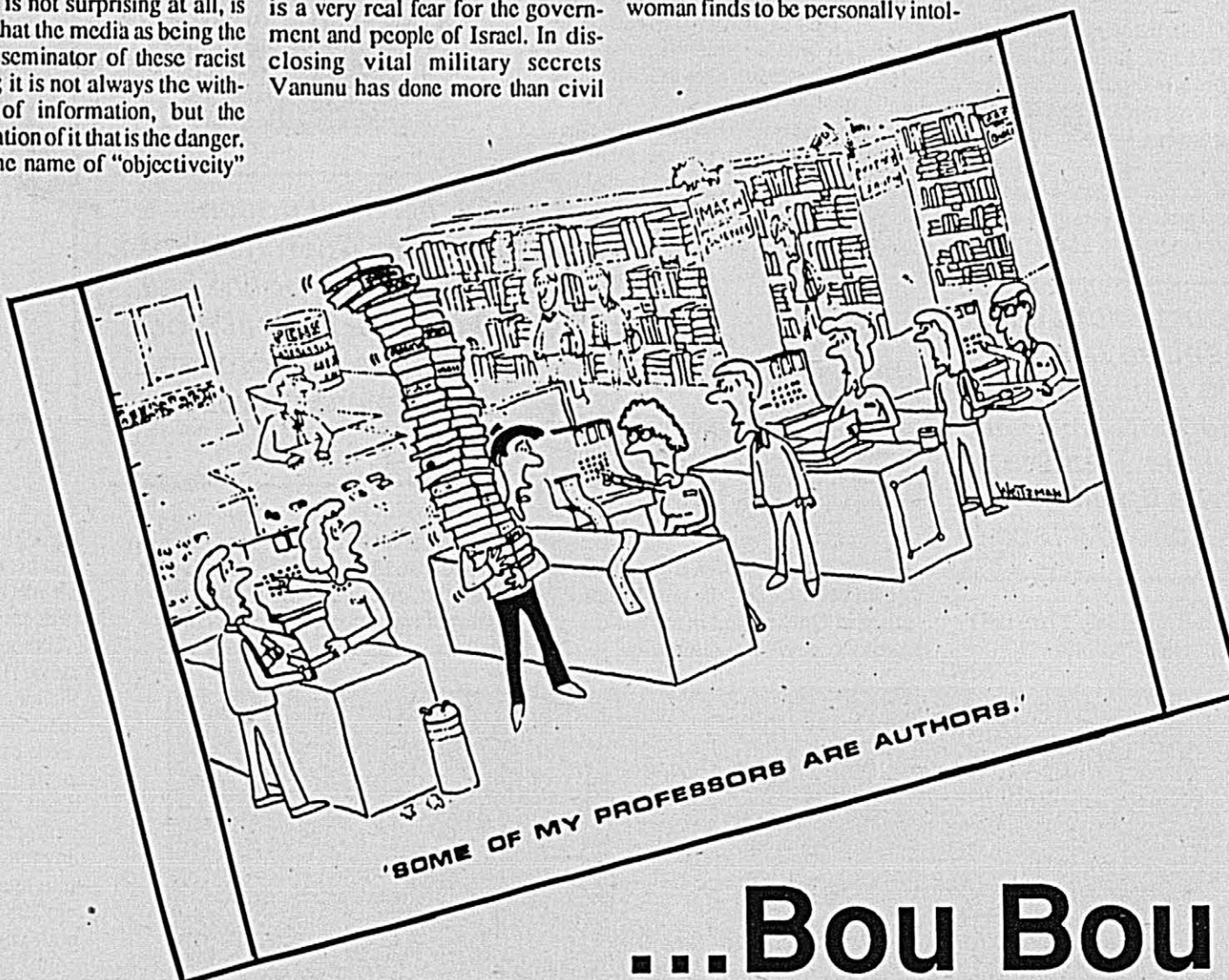
Fishbach Nov. 23, 1987.

Essentially sexual harassment is the result of stereotypes and sexist thinking. While this is true (and admittedly women are most likely to be victimized) I find the statement that sexual harassment is "whatever form of discrimination a woman personally finds intolerable" to be of questionable validity. I am not questioning the right of an individual to decide whether or not they are being sexually harassed. I am questioning the position that sexual harassment is whatever a woman finds to be personally intolerable.

In case you are missing the point let me ask you three very simple questions: Is it beyond imagination, let alone reality, for a man to be the victim of sexual harassment? Is the statement defining sexual harassment sexist? Is it impossible for men to be the victims of sexist thinking?

Think about it. Sexism works both ways, it's just a question of degree.

Denis C. Bernicky
MA 1



To the Daily:

I am writing in reference to the feature article on Leonard Peltier, "Ten Years and Waiting," supposedly written by Sara Shields, I have read her original article and was quite shocked at how the printed/edited version differed.

The revamped article starts out stating "how easy it is to condemn the imprisonment of Nelson Mandela in South Africa, while ignoring the mistreatment (?) of Native Americans that lead to Peltier's incarceration." Yes, I agree, and I think that the edited version of Sara's original article is an assertion of how easy it is to avoid the real issue. Let's go back to this "mistreatment," a gross euphemism simply meant to contain the main thrust of Sara's original article, which is that the nature of this "mistreatment" is genocide.

The edited article compares the death of the two FBI agents, (revenge for which is being suffered by Peltier), the the unavenged death of Joe Killright Stuntz, having cut out the fact that along with Stuntz "more than 250 people, mostly American Indian Movement activists and traditional peoples of the Lakota Nation, died violent deaths, a political murder rate equal to that of Chile in the years following Pinochet's coup." Also that the force behind this genocide is *our* economic development; our interest in the resources on what's left of *their* land.

that certain facts (genocide is a cold hard brutal fact to those who suffer it—not an opinion) are discriminated against. And I would suggest that these are the facts that would allow us to see the connections between our security and their suffering. Like the opening quote says: "I hope your people out there don't just 'ooh' and 'aah' and just sit there doing nothing 'cause there's a difference between right and wrong. If you look into the facts you might just find it." *Native Man, Wounded Knee, 1973*

Kim Jackson

To the Daily,

Pierre Tordjman's article entitled "The Post-Vanunu Era" is a manipulative politically motivated article that gives a distorted view of the Vanunu issue. Mordechai Vanunu is a traitor who has betrayed his country, and Israel has reacted to this in ways that any sovereign democracy would. The key issue is the difference between treason and protest. The disclosure of state secrets is not a legitimate means of protest for it sabotages the

disobedience he has committed treason against his fellow Israelis. This is the issue in the Vanunu case and it is quite clear cut. Israel is not putting someone on trial for protesting government policies. Israel is trying a traitor. In Israel there are anti-nuclear organizations which protest government policies. Unlike the situation in Israel's neighbours, these organizations and others such as Peace Now operate as freely as similar groups do in Canada. Every country has the sovereign right to secure the defence of its citizens as it sees necessary. Every government also has the right to deal with traitors. This is the present state of the international system and I see no reason why Israel should be considered unjust when it acts in ways that any other country would act aside from ulterior (sic) motives to discredit Israel.

Lorne Beiles
Hillel Israel Public Affairs
Committee
BA U3

To the Daily,

Attn: Stephanie Lachowicz and Joe Heath.

Re: "National Conference on Sexual Harassment" by Shelly

continued from page 1

Scott.

The decision to divide welfare officers' caseloads into "employables" and "non-employables" is part of a larger ministry reshuffling.

Late last August, social services minister Claude Richmond announced some 'employable' singles would start getting their cheques at welfare offices instead of through the mail. He said the move would save the ministry \$50 million not only in fraudulent claims, but by getting people back into the workforce.

But an anti-poverty coalition headed by ELP says the ministry's actions constitute an attack against 'employables' in an inadequate welfare system.

DERA puts the welfare rate at 40 per cent of the poverty line. ELP claims it is slightly higher, at 60 per cent, but still inadequate to live on.

The government does not deny or confirm these statistics. "There are a great number of poverty lines established," said Scott. "It all depends on the group making the assessment."

Welfare recipients are only allowed to make \$50 per month to supplement their allowance. If they make any more, they are taken off welfare.

"If they could make up to \$200-

\$300 a month extra it would help them to slowly get back into the work force by starting with small jobs," said Learey.

Vancouver also has the highest civic unemployment rate in the country, at almost 12 per cent.

Scott said the government emphasizes training programmes rather than extra cash for the move toward the work force. "The government has training and upgrading programmes to try and help employable recipients through at least half a dozen programmes in conjunction with the federal government and the ministry of education."

But Swansen finds fault in the government's reasoning.

"The jobs aren't there. The government is trying to push 75,000 welfare recipients to compete with 169,000 already on Unemployment Insurance," Swansen said.

Also in late August, 80 welfare recipients were cut off from their payments when they didn't register for fruitpicking, a job that pays minimum wage or less.

She said the correct course of action for the government would be to "raise the minimum wage to \$6 per hour, which is the poverty line, create jobs, and ensure Ministry training programmes teach people what their rights are as employees."

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Racism in the MUC: Griffin killing raises consciousness

by Aaron Derfel
(reprinted from *The Link*)

Daniel Otchere was sitting in his parked car on Clarke Street listening to the radio when the police officers approached him.

For no apparent reason, he was pulled out of the car. While constable Allan Gosset seized him by the neck, calling him a "damn nigger," his partner Monique Tremblay smashed a flashlight across Otchere's face.

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The incident occurred July 17th, 1981 at 10h30 pm and the Concordia

taxi fare, and taken into custody when a computer check showed he was wanted for break and enter.

In the station parking lot, an unarmed and uncuffed Griffin tried to escape but obeyed an order to halt. When he turned to face the officers, Gosset shot him in the head.

Griffin is rushed to the intensive care unit of Jewish General Hospital but dies at 11:45 am.

Station 15 is where MUC officers learn race relations.

Four Cops Beat Otchere

Gosset was arraigned on manslaughter charges last Thursday. The White, 38-year-old constable has been suspended without pay since the shooting.

But Otchere says even if Gosset is thrown behind bars, the problem of racism in Québec and in the MUC police force will not disappear.

"I told them I just came to drive a friend home who just helped me move some furniture. I gave them my identification. They went back to their car and came back, ordered me out of the car, and when I asked [Gosset] what the problem was he shouted at me, 'you fucking nigger, if you don't get out of the car I'm gonna bust your eyes'."

"I thought he was joking, but when I

Otchere fell unconscious. When he awoke, he was in a police cell, lying in a pool of blood. His nose was broken, and his eyes swollen shut.

said 'what have I done?' I got hit in my eye. Constable Monique Tremblay hit me in the eye with a flashlight, and before I was aware, two other constables joined in. Imagine what hap-

a pool of blood. His nose was broken, and his eyes swollen shut. The next day he was charged with assaulting the officers and impaired driving.

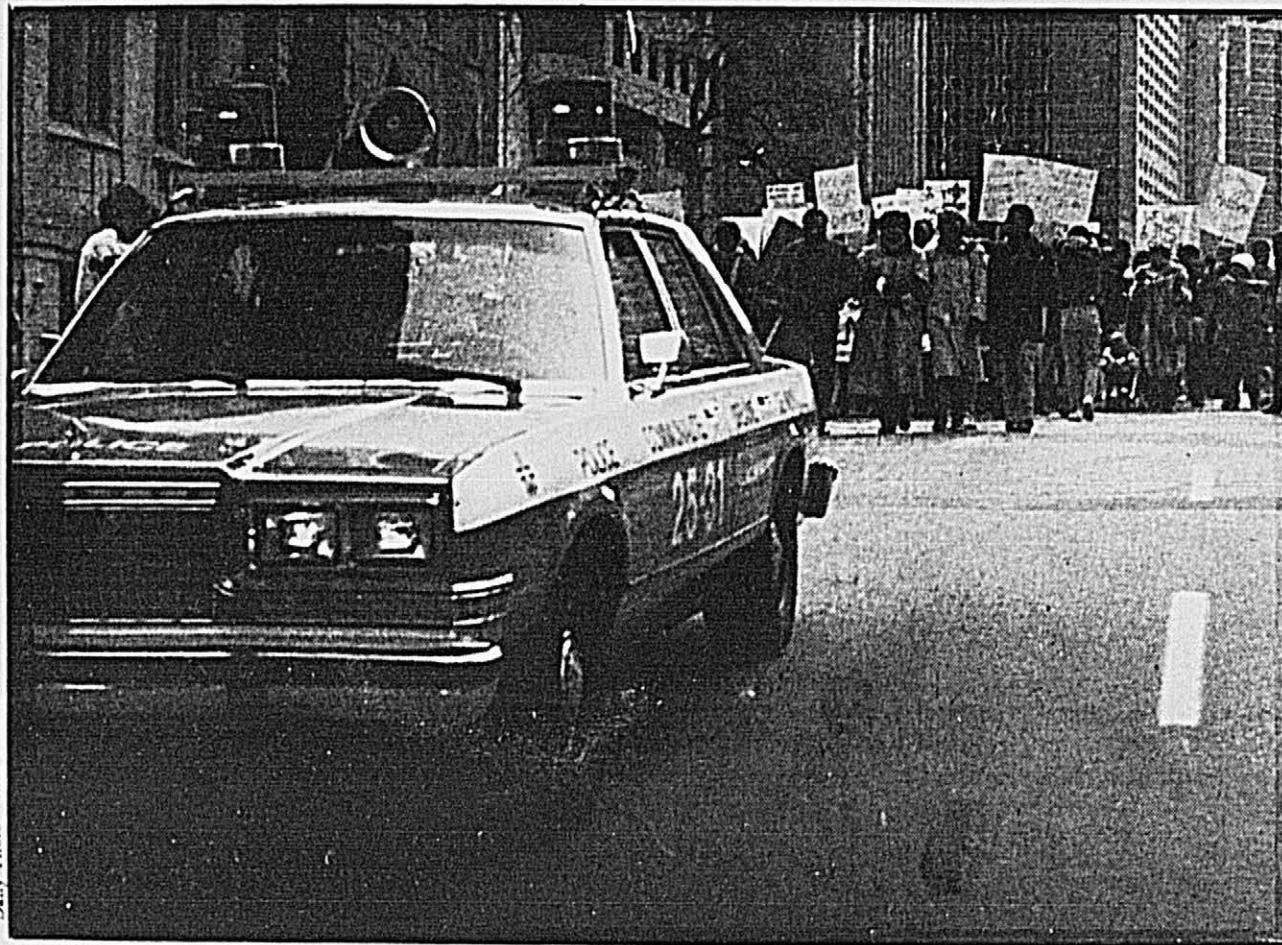
"I thought what they did was premeditated," Otchere asserted. "They hated the idea of a Black man trying to ask them what the problem is. There were some racist overtones because I didn't commit any traffic infractions, I wasn't drunk, my car was stationary, I was sitting in my car quietly. So I don't see any reason why the guy should really start attacking me like an animal."

In 1981, the Ghana native worked at a high-paying insurance job. After the police attack, Otchere could't see for several weeks and lost his job. When he recovered from his injuries, he brought his case to the Québec Public Security Commission, which threw the case out at the first hearing.

Undaunted, he took his case to the Québec Police Commission, and after three weeks of deliberation, the commission found the officers involved guilty of using excessive force. They were reprimanded but not fired or demoted.

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He wrote a letter to MUC police director Roland Bourget, asking for a civilian position to monitor race relations between police and visible minorities. Bourget replied that this



Protest against racism at the Palais du Justice on Saturday, November 21.

University management professor will never forget it.

Six years later, on Remembrance Day, Gosset and a different partner were taking 19-year-old Anthony Griffin to Station 15 in NDG. Griffin had been arrested at 7am for refusing to pay a

Otchere described his run in with Gosset in 1981, a case now before the Québec Human Rights Commission (QHRC).

"I was sitting in my car listening to the radio when this police man and another police officer approached me, asked for my identification and asked me what I was doing there," he said.

pened then—they really beat me up."

Constable Tremblay, an officer of MUC internal affairs, the department which handles race relations, refused interviews and would not offer any details on Otchere's arrest. Records from the Québec Police Commission and the QHRC confirm Otchere's account of the incident.

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The QHRC report states that the
officers arrived on Clarke St. where

Otchere's car was parked, and claims
that Gosset and Tremblay didn't inform
him of his right to ask for a lawyer and
treated him inhumanely, violating the
Québec Charter of human rights and
freedoms.

According to the report, "the police
officers acted during the arrest and
detention in a discriminatory manner
towards Otchere because of his colour...

Due to the extent of his injuries, the
QHRC convinced Otchere the lawsuit
was worth only \$8,100. The case
dragged on through the Québec
Superior Court system for six years
until the MUC police force decided to
settle out of court for \$2,450 this year.

The harassment continues

For the first three years after the
attack, Otchere wouldn't drive
a car. He divorced his wife
and suffered humiliation when
looking for a job because of his police
record. Worst of all, he says the police

continued harassing him.

"During the course of the six years,
they gave been harassing me all the
time. Somebody used to call my house
and threaten me that if I didn't drop the
case, I would be dead. As a result of
that, I had to divorce my wife because I
didn't want to stay in the house there. I
used to be stopped by the police at
random for absolutely no reason. It
went on for a long time, I tell you
frankly."

"One time a police man was able to
mention my name, so it means that my
name has been circulating around the
force."

Although Otchere, 41, is a part-time
teacher at Concordia University, he
would have liked to practice law. He
holds a law degree and master's degree
in business administration, but because
of his police record, he cannot be
accepted into the Québec Bar.

"Of course the incident still affects
me," he says. "I mean the trauma
hasn't faded yet. I still feel belittled, I
still feel my dignity was completely
violated."

Racism runs rampant

Last Wednesday, the QHRC an-
nounced it will launch an inquiry into
race relations between ethnic minorities
and Québec police forces, but will not
study the Griffin case because it is now
before the courts.

The QHRC recently asked the
Supreme Court of Canada to listen to
the case of Moliere Theard, a man of
Haitian origin who was allegedly
attacked by MUC cops in the summer
of 1979. If the case is accepted, the
Supreme Court will be called upon for
the first time to pronounce a verdict on
police racism.

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QHRC statistics compiled from last
year show 63 cases of racial discrimina-
tion in the province. While the
commission's statistics cover a broader
area than police racism, the MUC
police force currently faces 189
lawsuits alleging wrongful arrest,
brutality or racism.

A confidential MUC Report shows
that 58 per cent of suits against police
resolved this year have gone in favour
of the plaintiffs.

However, public relations
constable William Bumbray
told (The Link) before Gosset
was charged for manslaughter
that racism isn't a major problem in the
MUC police force, adding that Griffin's
death wasn't racially motivated.

"The colour of the person (Griffin)
had nothing to do with what happened,"
said Bumbray. "Pure and simple, it was
an accident. We acknowledge that the
police officer was not justified in
removing his service revolver for such
an event."

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Otchere disagrees. "That's hogwash.
The Montréal police force has the
lowest number of black people com-
pared to any other force in North
America." The cover of a glossy
pamphlet distributed by the MUC
police shows the photo of three smiling
constables... a white male and female,
and a Black male. At present, only six
Black cops work in the force of 4,481
and none of the members of the MUC
public security committee are black.

Upon learning the news of the
manslaughter charge, many leaders of
the Black community say it should have
been murder, and express fear that the
motives for the killing might never be
made public. Michael Gittens director
of the Cote des Neiges Black Commu-
nity Association, says the police believe
they can do anything and get away with
it.

"No one is going to know the details
that led to the death of Anthony,"
Gittens adds. "What is needed is a
public inquiry. Only the police know
exactly what happened."

Otchere agrees with Gittens' re-
commendation for a commission
representing visible and ethnic minori-
ties to oversee police complaints, like
the one in Toronto. He says the only
solution to the problem of wide-spread
racism is to encourage hiring minorities
for decision-making positions in public
agencies and the private sector.

Until that day comes, he says, "I feel
petrified because I really don't know
when someone is going to stop me and
shoot me or put a gun in my hand and
tell me that I tried to kill him."





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Québec

To the Daily

The issue of Fuel Air Explosives research taking place here on campus has fuelled an explosive airing of strong negative sentiment against it by the student body and by the university's newspapers. And, as expected, there were also views raised by advocates of military research. In the last week, I have read one comment in the Daily which called for indifference and one in the Tribune which comes out in favour of military research. The views expressed in these comments, especially in the latter, have provoked this letter.

Phillipe Beaumier, in favour of military research, whose letter

appeared in the Tribune on Nov. 24, argues that we should look at the positive effects which such research can have; FAEs powering our cars, knowledge gained from SDI research being applied in industry.

What I find absurd with this argument is how anybody can be so optimistic in emphasizing the possible beneficial side-effects of an endeavour to create something for the express purpose of killing people. Not only do FAEs kill, but they do so in a manner condemned by the U.N. Special Commission on Conventional Weapons as inhumane. Is it a viable stand to be endorsing the inadvertent by-products in order to justify something

with such a hideous intent? How would you react if I were to employ the same arguments to support the Manhattan Project? I do not disagree that some benefit has come from the building of the A-bomb, but at what cost? What was our net gain?

Yes, it is true that regardless of the context in which research is conducted, knowledge gained is knowledge gained and is a contribution to humanity's intellectual wealth, but as surely as I believe that, I believe it is irresponsible not to take into account the far-reaching social ramifications of the actions of oneself as an individual. We should be concerned about the context in which we act. Professors Lee and Knystautus, researching into FAEs, are funded by the military. The military intends to use this technology against people. Professors Lee and Knystautus are deliberately contributing towards the killing of human beings. Blood is on their hands.

These two scientists do not know what cause will lie behind the use of their applied research. They do not know who will be injured, who will be killed, who will be disabled, who will be scarred, or who will be bereft of kin. Perhaps they don't give a damn.

But I DO! I feel some responsibility towards others. I harbour some hint of obligations towards my fellow man, and I feel compelled to condemn any research for non-peaceful purposes be it research into FAEs, SSI, or as any other hideous incarnation.

If Professors Lee and Knystautus had been exploring FAEs for their possible use in powering our cars and had been funded by Chrysler Corp., for example, then they could deny liability had their findings been used for ill. But, no, they can lay no such claim to innocence. It is the context in which they work which makes the difference. Because of it, the money they receive is tainted and their scientific pursuits unethical.

I have a high regard for the principle of personal freedoms (in reference to Prof. Lee and Knystautus' choice to research FAEs) and I believe myself to be an open-minded individual. But there are also other values which I hold in high regard, and there is a limit to my tolerance.

Ken Yee Yip
Science U1

To the Daily,

Many people truly believe René Lévesque was a great man and a great Québécois. That's fine. It seems strange, however, that much of the praise that has been pouring forth since his death has come from those same English Québecers who for the eight years Lévesque was premier did nothing but bitch about how the PQ was destroying the English community in this province and trying to break up Canada.

Now that he is dead, these same people are describing Levesque (sic) as a great politician, a man of fairness, a great Canadian. This strikes me as being pretty hypocritical.

M. Farfan
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events

Monday

Dept. of English: Visiting speaker Charles Bernheimer, *The figurations of scandal on Manet's Olympia in its cultural context and a response to TJ Clark*. 16h30, Arts 160.

DPSJ Inter Group Liaison: Final meeting to discuss Lubicon protest, demonstration/the torch, petitions. 13h00, Union 410.

McGill Palestine Solidarity Committee: *The Shadow of the West*, documentary on Palestinian plight. 19h00, Lea 232. Free.

CKUT/Radio McGill: FM launch celebration. 20h00, the Alley.

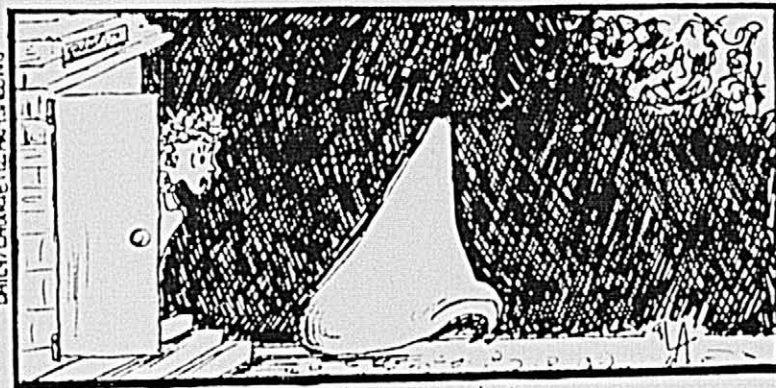
Tuesday

Public conference on human rights in Colombia: *Colombia in 1987: The growth of paramilitary violence*. 16h30, CDAS conference room, 3715 Peel.

Centre for East Asian Studies: Audrey Kobayashi, *The Uprooting of Japanese Canadians During and After WWII*. 19h30, Rutherford Physics Bldg. rm. 118.

Amnesty International: Letter writing meeting, new and old members. 19h00, Union 425.

letters



Hi, Babe. I'm your date.

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P.S. Speaking of "language", it is interesting to note the semantic tactics being used by some of the opponents of non-sexist language: "farcical", "stupid", "misguided", "misrepresentative", "absurdity", "choosing to be offended", "ridiculous", "trivial", "petty", "juvenile", "tiresome", "narrow-minded", "paranoid", "anti-male", "making massive issues out of non-problems," etc., etc., etc.,.....

Obviously, language is not a neutral issue at present. The terms by which our opinions on the issue (which incidentally, are those of the

federal and provincial government, all the major universities in the Western world, and several churches) are being classified as hostile and defensive. Apparently (and not surprisingly) this rather wide spread effort of reducing sexism in language is being met by reactionary resistance to CHANGE in general.

Sorry to invade your discourse, but I have a tongue and I'm going to use it. The worst that can happen is that we'll have to buy new dictionaries, so speak easy.

To the Daily,

In his recent article on waste disposal, "Toxic cloud..." (Nov. 26), Christian Robertson states, "There is no way to avoid garbage, it is a fact of life." Not so!

In North America we produce a tremendous amount of superfluous waste. One need only visit a supermarket in any European country to learn that other industrialized societies avoid the kinds of over-packaging and multiple bagging

seen at our local Provigo. In France one pays for a plastic shopping bag, so most people bring their own.

It has become more economical for many industries and institutions to throw away rather than to re-use. Hospitals dispose of plastic instruments and paper gowns after one use rather than re-sterilize them.

Even the mighty computer is guilty of causing the paper it was supposed to prevent. A look inside any of McGill's computer centres exposes the reams of output thrown in the huge garbage can. For a recent Statistics assignment I received 2 metres of sparsely covered pages for an 8-centimetre table.

It is imperative that we introduce effective re-cycling programmes in all our communities. (The city of Montréal doesn't even have a place where we can take our newspapers to be recycled, let alone a pick-up service!) But we must also provide industries and organizations with financial incentives that will encourage them to reduce the amount of disposable materials produced.

Katherine Stauble
Science U2

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shoot you but it
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letters

To the Daily,

Re: T. Hinz's letter of October 11/87.

On our posters we attempted to clearly signify the fact that the Women's Wine and Cheese was an effort to create a network between female staff and students in order to concretize our stance, so that men and women of McGill could discuss non-sexist language (in an open forum being planned). A few men did turn up at the Wine and Cheese and, as they had an interest in the issue, they were welcomed and sat in on the discussion.

It is a sad and unfortunate fact that silence and passivity in general are often considered attractive "feminine" characteristics. I wish that discussions could be held with both women and men in which all women felt free to speak their minds. Seemingly, they at present cannot. As a result, many women remain silent in the classroom and other mixed gatherings. Until some real changes are effected, there is a need for a "women's space."

I know what you're thinking—this discussion, this complaining, these feminists are growing tiresome.

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Big Brother comes to Halifax

HALIFAX (CUP) In a move described by one student as "repressive and paranoid," administrators at St. Mary's University have installed closed circuit cameras in computer labs.

The comings and goings of students in three rooms are being taped, and screens are constantly monitored.

The security cameras were installed because of the theft of computer equipment worth \$7000 last year, according to the university's Director of Computer Services Michael Tingley.

The two computers were never recovered. The remaining computers are now enclosed in retaining braces and bolted to lab tables.

Tingley refused to reveal the cost of the surveillance system, saying only that it was a "considerable amount."

Sinn Fein silenced in Manitoba

WINNIPEG (CUP) Angry opposition will not stop a Sinn Fein member from visiting Winnipeg to talk about Ireland's long struggle against British colonialism.

The Irish community in Winnipeg is divided on the visit by cultural officer Barbara De Brun, some hailing it as an oppressed side speaking out and others denouncing it as propaganda.

It is the first time the anti-British political party, the Sinn Fein, will be fairly represented in Winnipeg, said Kevin Dooley, coordinator of the James Connolly Committee, which is sponsoring De Brun's visit to the city.

"I feel it is a very healthy democratic process in being allowed to hear the other side of the story," said Dermot Rooney, president of the Irish Canadian National Association.

But Brian Hunter, president of the Winnipeg Irish Association said De Brun's visit will do nothing but "stir up trouble among the local Irish population."

Hunter called the Sinn Fein "masters of propaganda and advocates of terrorism".

Ontario underfunded?

TORONTO (CUP) The provincial government has announced a 6.7 per cent increase in operating grants to Ontario Universities, a drop from the 7.3 per cent increase last year.

Minister of Colleges and Universities Lyn McLeod said that of the total \$1.5 billion increase, only \$63.9 million will go towards base operating grants, an increase of 4.5 per cent from last year.

"What the government has to recognize is that the increase in the basic level of funding has got to be higher than the level of inflation," said NDP leader Bob Rae.

While McLeod acknowledged that the 4.5 per cent increase will only keep up with rising costs, she said the \$63.9 million in base funding will add to a base already enriched by various special projects over the last two years.

Although government figures are based on an expected enrollment increase of only five per cent, student leaders and university advisors have estimated the number of applications to post-secondary institutions could increase between five and 25 per cent.

"Clearly there will be a number who apply and won't be admitted," said McLeod, saying she can't tell universities what their entrance requirements should be.

William Sayers, Director of Communications for the Council of Ontario Universities, said that over the last fifteen years university funding has not kept up with inflation and post-secondary education appears to have dropped as a government priority.

"If you look at the percentage of the provincial budget devoted to universities now and compare it to the figures earlier, you'll see that we've slipped in relation to other public sectors," Sayers said.

Rectors not fit for manual labour: Ryan

QUEBEC CITY (CUP) The undignified sight of university administrators clutching mail bags full of protest letters last week wasn't enough to convince the Quebec government to increase Concordia University's share of \$40 million in additional funding.

The Montréal university closed for one day on November 17 to protest the government's refusal to revise the distribution of this year's additional funding.

Concordia says it needs a bigger share of the subsidy because it has been underfunded since its creation 12 years ago.

As 1 000 Concordia students demonstrated outside the provincial legislature, a small delegation led by rector Patrick Kenniff presented education minister Claude Ryan with ten sacks of protest letters from members of the university community.

After reading some of the letters, Ryan told the delegation its efforts were futile. "I don't think there's any way I'm going to ask the government to change the distribution of (\$40 million funds)," he said.

"Don't tell me I have to change my recommendation," Ryan added, after Kenniff expressed his disappointment. "That's not debating in a civilized manner."

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